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For: MOBILE APPARATUS INCORPORATING A CAMERA HAVING A HAND STRAP FITTING PART

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated March 7, 2006, Applicants elect Species I (i.e., Figures 1A-1C). Claims 1-3 are readable on the elected species.

This election is made without traverse. However, since a restriction/election requirement is never proper unless the restricted group of claims is patentably distinct (i.e., *inter alia*, non-obvious under 35 U.S.C. Section 103) from the elected group of claims, the Examiner is requested to insure that such patentable distinctness is present before proceeding to make the requirement final.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) directed to the subject matter of the non-elected species.

Respectfully submitted,

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